Report of the Planning & Zoning Commission

Romeoville, Illinois

ORD 17-1375

An Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment to the Zoning Code (Chapter 159) regarding Food Truck Operating Locations

TO: Village President, Village Clerk & Board of Trustees Village of Romeoville, Will County, Illinois

A motion was made by Commissioner Holloway, seconded by Commissioner Repetowski, that this Public Hearing be Opened. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Assistant Director Josh Potter read the Project Compliance Report.

Regulations to allow food trucks were approved last September (ORD16-1315). ORD 16-1315 added language to allow food trucks in the P-B, Planned Business District and all Manufacturing Districts (M-R, M-1 and M-2) so long as they meet the standards set forth in the ordinance.

In response to the increasing demand for food trucks, the proposed revision provides for additional food truck operating locations within the B-3, Highway/Regional Shopping District. Food trucks would only be allowed in the B-3 District when it is operated in connection with an establishment that serves alcoholic beverages on-site under a Class M-1 or Class O liquor license. This applies to establishments such as a microbrewery or craft beer bottle shop that has on-premises tastings.

In addition, the provisions of ORD 16-1315 requires that no food truck be operated within 300 feet to the entrance of an establishment offering food for sale or within 300 feet of any restaurant, café or eating establishment which is open for business. The 300 feet requirement may be waived if the food truck operator has obtained written consent of the food service business to operate within this minimum distance.

The proposed amendment to the B-3, Highway/Reginal Shopping District, Section 159.073(B), adds the following section to the Zoning Code:

(19) Food truck or food truck operator, subject to the requirements of Chapter 129 (Food Trucks and Food Truck Operators), but only when the food truck in question is operated in connection with the operation of an establishment licensed to serve alcoholic beverages for on premises consumption through a duly issued Class M-1 or Class O liquor license issued by the Local Liquor Control Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 112 of the Village Code of Ordinances.

Commissioner Pyle asked about how Food Trucks at Special Events, such as at the new Athletic Center, would work.

Assistant Director Potter stated that this would fall under a separate special events application if it is a short term event.

Commissioner Sakalas commented that she is glad to see the Food Trucks being allowed.

Community Development Director Steve Rockwell stated that the trucks must be motorized and licensed through Will County.

There was no one present from the public that requested to speak at the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Holloway, seconded by Commissioner Repetowski, that this Public Hearing be Closed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

From the testimony and presentation made by the Petitioner / Applicant, Witnesses, General Public, and Staff recommendation on the request, the Commission hereby finds the following:

1. The application complies with the Text Amendment provisions of the Zoning Code. (Chapter 159).

THEREFORE, the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Village of Romeoville hereby recommends to the Village President and Board of Trustees the Approval of ORD 17-1375.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holloway, seconded by Commissioner Repetowski, that this Ordinance be Recommended for Approval to the Village Board on 5/17/17. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by: Commissioner Holloway Seconded by: Commissioner Repetowski

Roll call of the membership present the 9th day of May, 2017 with the following vote:

4 members voting AYE		0 members voting NAY	
0 members ABSTAINING		3 members ABSENT and not voting.	
AYE	David Venn	AYE	
AYE	Rich Holloway	AYE	
ABSENT	Jim McConachie	ABSENT	
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MOTION Carried.

Respectfully submitted on May 9, 2017.

CHAIRMAN, Planning & Zoning Commission

Attested by:

SECRETARY, Planning & Zoning Commission